

**November 1, 2011  
Phone Board Meeting  
2:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Attending:** Marty Connell, Chairman  
Jim Davison  
Tom Tanner  
John Youngberg

**Others Attending:** Dave Desch, Executive Director  
Jane Todd, Administrative Specialist

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Marty Connell called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**II. Approve Board Minutes of July 22, 2011, Meeting**

John Youngberg moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2011, Board meeting. Jim Davison seconded the motion. All in favor, the minutes were approved.

**III. Executive Director's Report**

Dave Desch presented the following reports:

(a) Budget reports

The budget report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and budget summary through September 30, 2011, were discussed. Administrative costs were about \$176,000 for Fiscal Year 2011 and that is also the projection for Fiscal Year 2012. The Board committed \$220,163 from FY2012 for new projects.

(b) Follow-on funding

Follow-on funding for FY2011 is about \$28 million, bringing the cumulative total to \$270 million. This large number demonstrates the success of the program and its importance to the state. Ninety percent of the follow-on funding is federal dollars, 64% of which is from NSF and NIH. Forty-three projects have attracted a million dollars or more.

(c) Project reports

Final reports regarding projects which have closed out over the last twelve months were included in the Board packet on a separate disk. Summaries of final reports and progress reports are included in the Board materials packet. The program has about twenty-two active projects.

(d) Review of program timeline

In view of the funding hiatus due to legislative cuts to the program, no new projects will be funded in the spring of 2012. In about a year's time, next December/January, a Request for Proposals will be released with a submission date of March 1, 2013. In

FY2014, \$3.65 million will be appropriated to the program and approximately \$3.2 million will be available for new projects.

Other statutory transfers:

- The Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Agriculture for \$195,000 per year includes requirements for six-month reports and an annual report. Transfer of these funds is imminent.

It was suggested that the Food and Agricultural Development Centers be requested to provide reports that are specific to the Centers, and that the reports reflect the results of the expenditure of MBRCT funds, and do not include other Department of Agriculture or local development corporation activities.

- \$300,000 to Board of Regents for doctoral programs at Montana Tech has been transferred.
- \$375,000 will fund the SBIR matching funds program, which is now in operation. Two applications have been received and one has been approved.
- \$125,000 to the high-performance supercomputing program has not been transferred to date.

#### **IV. Set time and date for next meeting**

A date for the next quarterly meeting will be set at a later time.

#### **V. Public comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **V. Adjourn**

Jim Davison moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Tanner seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Martin Connell, Chairman